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Suit Challenges U.S. Aid to Contras

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Five Americans who live in Nicaragua and several peace and humanitarian groups filed suit yesterday in U.S. District Court here seeking enforcement of the World Court decision last June against U.S. aid to the contras.

The United States refused to cooperate in the World Court's proceedings after the court ruled in late 1984 that the matter of U.S. aid to the contras, the counterrevolutionaries seeking to overthrow Nicaragua's Sandinista government, was within its jurisdiction. The Reagan administration has said it will not abide by the court's decision.

The suit challenges the \$100 million contra aid package recently approved by Congress as a violation of international law. It also seeks to block any expenditure in excess of \$100 million on the grounds that it would be a violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.

According to court papers, the groups think that the CIA plans to spend money from its discretionary funds to help "arm, train and direct the contras' activities."

Among groups joining in the suit, which was coordinated by the Center for Constitutional Law, were the World Federalist Association, the Campaign for U.N. Reform and the Committee of U.S. Citizens Living in Nicaragua.